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### Columbus Day Ceremony Planned

## CLEMYJONTRI Fully-Accessible Park Ribbon Cutting Planned

Ribbon Cutting ceremonies will take place on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 11 a.m. at Clemyjontri Park in McLean, Virginia. The much-anticipated event will provide the community with a fully-accessible playground where every child is welcome. The 18-acre park property, located on Georgetown Pike just west of its intersection with Route 123, was donated by Mrs. Adele Lebowitz who envisioned an oasis for youngsters – especially those with physical, sensory or developmental disabilities. The name “CLEMYJONTRI” is derived from the four Lebowitz children’s names.

The unique park features ramps that connect structures, a large glider which enables a wheelchair to roll right onto it; swings with high backs, arm rests and special safety features, safety surfacing that provides safe non-slip cushioned footing, and lots of play equipment that is easily accessed for those with limited mobility. The park elements have lots of auditory and tactile features to assist the visually and hearing impaired. There are also quiet areas. However, the park highlight is a completely accessible carousel, uniquely designed for absolute ease of access.

The multi-million dollar project began in 2000 with the unsolicited donation of the Lebowitz family estate to the Fairfax County Park Authority. To meet the donors timeframes for development, the Park Authority, asked and received the assistance of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Park Foundation, the Friends of Clemyjontri Park and the McLean Citizens Association. Other significant contributors include Dan and Julie Clemente, the Freed Foundation, the Claude Moore Foundation, the McLean Citizen’s Foundation, Northrup Grumman and many other public and private organizations and individuals who gave generously so that this dream could become a reality.

Ceremonies will include remarks by local officials and park supporters, members of the Park Authority Board as well as a musical performance and rides on the carousel. A reception will follow. For more information contact the Park Authority Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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